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Economic  
Development &  
Workforce Services  
Interim Committee



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# Background

- In July, the Center provided an update to the Committee on how our programs operate.
- Legislators raised important questions that led to a discussion regarding how we effectively procure vendors for our projects.
- The Center has been asked to return to the Committee outlining suggestions for legislation.

# Challenges Faced

1. When procuring a vendor for our projects, are we effectively able to select the best products?
2. Is there latitude or flexibility in the process given that we are reviewing technology-based tools?
3. Are subject matter experts able to bring their experience and previous knowledge of the tools to the review process?
4. Will the Center be able to use past performance and past research to determine whether we contract with a vendor?
5. Is there any legislation that would help to correct this issue?

# Moving Forward

- ✓ There have been numerous internal conversations to determine whether legislation changes are necessary.
- ✓ GOED Executive Director Val Hale recently met with Kent Beers, director of the Division of State Purchasing, and we were assured that we can meet our legislative goals within the existing procurement code and rules.
- ✓ Ultimately no legislative changes are necessary.

# Thank you!

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